

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application. By the present communication, claims 1-8 and 23-25 are maintained in their original form and claims 9-22 and 26-28 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Original) An assembly, comprising:
 - a first tubular member comprising a pin member including external threads;
 - an external sleeve comprising:
 - a first box member at one end including internal threads coupled to the external threads of the pin member of the first tubular member, and
 - a second box member at another end including internal threads;
 - a second tubular member comprising a pin member including external threads coupled to the internal threads of the second box member of the external sleeve; and
 - an internal sleeve that receives the ends of the pin members of the first and second tubular members comprising an external flange that engages the ends of the pin members of the first and second tubular members and the external sleeve.
2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the external flange of the internal sleeve defines an upper annular recess for receiving and mating with the first tubular member, and wherein the external flange of the internal sleeve further defines a lower annular recess for receiving and mating with the second tubular member.
3. (Original) A method for forming a wellbore casing, comprising:
 - positioning the assembly of claim 1 within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation; and
 - radially expanding and plastically deforming the assembly within the borehole.
4. (Original) A method for forming a wellbore casing, comprising:
 - positioning the assembly of claim 2 within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation; and
 - radially expanding and plastically deforming the assembly within the borehole.

5. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:
a wellbore that traverses a subterranean formation; and
a wellbore casing positioned within and coupled to the wellbore;
wherein the wellbore casing is coupled to the wellbore by a process comprising:
positioning the assembly of claim 1 within the wellbore; and
radially expanding and plastically deforming the assembly within the wellbore.
6. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:
a wellbore that traverses a subterranean formation; and
a wellbore casing positioned within and coupled to the wellbore;
wherein the wellbore casing is coupled to the wellbore by a process comprising:
positioning the assembly of claim 2 within the wellbore; and
radially expanding and plastically deforming the assembly within the wellbore.
7. (Original) A system for forming a wellbore casing, comprising:
means for positioning the assembly of claim 1 within a borehole that traverses a
subterranean formation; and
means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the assembly within the borehole.
8. (Original) A system for forming a wellbore casing, comprising:
means for positioning the assembly of claim 2 within a borehole that traverses a
subterranean formation; and
means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the assembly within the borehole.
9. - 22. (Cancelled)
23. (Original) The assembly of claims 1 or 2, wherein at least one of the interface between the first tubular member and the external sleeve, the interface between the second tubular member and the external sleeve, the interface between the first tubular member and the internal sleeve, and the interface between the second tubular member and the internal sleeve provide a fluid tight seal.
24. (Original) The method of claims 3 or 4, wherein, following the radial expansion and plastic deformation, at least one of the interface between the first tubular member and the external sleeve,

the interface between the second tubular member and the external sleeve, the interface between the first tubular member and the internal sleeve, and the interface between the second tubular member and the internal sleeve provide a fluid tight seal.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claims 5 or 6, wherein, following the radial expansion and plastic deformation, at least one of the interface between the first tubular member and the external sleeve, the interface between the second tubular member and the external sleeve, the interface between the first tubular member and the internal sleeve, and the interface between the second tubular member and the internal sleeve provide a fluid tight seal.

26. - 28. (Cancelled)